(b) The three accused personnel of BSF have been placed under arrest. Police investigation has been completed and challan produced before the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate for judicial determination.

(c) Instructions have been repeated highlighting the need for security force personnel scrupulously abiding by the operating procedure laid down while countering militancy which are designed to ensure all respect for essential Human Rights.

Peace negotiation with Bodo Liberation Tigers

5153. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister's Office is fully aware of the on going peace negotiation between the Home Ministry and Bodo Liberation Tigers; an

(b) if so, the role and responsibility of the PMO in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The tripartite peace talks involving the representatives of the Central Government, Government of Assam and Bodo Liberation Tigers (BLT) are continuing. The progress is being monitored by the Government of India.

Border Fencing

5154. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that infiltrators from Pakistan have damaged huge portion of fencing at borders in Jammu and Kashmir and are preventing further border fencing;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the work of fencing along the Jammu and Kashmir border, to check infiltration, has received a serious setback in the past few days; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to complete the fencing of border in J&K within a specific period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Several attempts have been made by Pakistan to disrupt and damage the fencing work being undertaken on Jammu International Border. In some of these incidents, Pak intruders damaged small portion of fencing/angle iron pickets by using explosive devices. Pak forces are also resorting to intermittent firing on BSF troops employeed on the task of construction/guarding of the fence. As a result, progress of fencing work in Jammu sector has been slow.

Government has taken several steps including augmentation of troops at Border Outposts, laying additional ambushes, use of Night Vision Devices, undertaking mobile patrolling, laying of depth nakas by Police and Village Defence Committees etc. to ensure that the fencing is done without disruption.

Armed men from Pakistan occupied Kashmir crossed over to India

5155. LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have noticed reports that groups of armed men carrying communications gadgets cross over from Pak-occupied Kashmir to the Indian side;

(b) if so, whether any of these Groups have been arrested during last six months;

(c) whether their nationality has been ascertained; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware that some armed terrorists carrying arms ammunition and communication gadgets sneak into J&K clandestinely despite various anti-infiltration measures being undertaken.